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April 1, 1962 - Sunday

April Fool's Day! For reasons not yet fathomed, no one at the house played April Fool's pranks.

E and I went this morning to see the Francis Masons, of our Embassy, in their beautiful "Canonbury House". It has an enchanting small garden. Almost next to the city of London, this part of Islington contains more 18th Century houses, so I am told, than any other portion of the capital. We had a long walk around the neighborhood, as far as "The Angel" quarter. The New River comes from underground, coursing through gardens for a considerable distance. Although a shallow stream, there were many mallard ducks in it, and it is most unexpected to see it emerge and disappear. I thought Canonbury Square especially lovely, architecturally.

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April 2, 1962 - Monday

Ted Curtis came to see me this morning, after having completed a long trip through Africa. He has returned firmly opposed to American policy in the Congo, which he considers stupid.

Harry Shullaw brought in for me to see a clay statuette of Christ he had modelled in five hours. I thought it absolutely first class, and looked at the only other specimen of his work he has in his office. He took up modelling a year or so ago, after going through a pottery works in Chelsea.

Walt Butterworth, here for meetings with George Ball, told me he is optimistic about the chances of the UK being admitted to the Common Market.

I lunched at 1 Carlton Gardens today, with Lord Home. He was entertaining Willy Brandt, Mayor of Berlin, whom I was delighted to see again. I sat between Home and Sir William MacFadzean. MacFadzean spearheads, with Billy Rootes,

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